Father Darkleaf

by c. h. r.

We have noted how many use the availability of the roadside telephone booths during a holiday season. Folks are "on the way home" and will stop to put in a telephone call: "I am on the way!" They tell where they are and when they plan to arrive, etc. I think this is a good thing. You feel better for having called — and Mom knows when to "put on the biscuits!!

I always admire folks who plan in advance. I know one fine person who had all her Christmas gifts purchased, wrapped and addressed a month ago! She takes the holidays in stride! But, alas, there are some of us who have such a work chore we just cannot do that. Mother Brightleaf and I are in that category. We try hard as we know, but somehow it all hooks up! And so, sometime after dinner Christmas Eve night, we will decide that we, too, should have a Christmas tree, and Mother Brightleaf will round up one, and come Christmas morning she will have it all glorious and your Old Editor will be so proud when friends call. But, frankly, any credit goes to Mother Brightleaf, as I have no talent for such things. And then, so help me, about twenty-four hours later, the whole thing will suddenly disappear! She has done away with the tree, cleaned up the decorations, and stored those worth saving for another year, and we are back in business as usual! I mention this, because we have been in towns recently having all their Christmas things up by mid-November, and we will go through some in early January where Christmas decorations are still up. Maybe someone can make the fine point that we would do well to keep the Christmas spirit going ALL YEAR. That has its point. But I cannot help from mentioning that Christmas comes but once a year, and December 25th is the date, and there is within me a nostalgic remembrance of setting up the tree, hanging the stockings, and laying out the gifts: after dinner Christmas Eve.

I find out that young Mr. Charles Crawley and I have the same birth date: December 21. We are each a year older. There is something to think about in this item. Could I do better, were I able to assume his glorious opportunity? He is a fine young man, of whom Appomattox will continue to be proud. But oft, I wonder, could I do better, had I a chance to live it all over again? Could you? A birthday is a time for inventory taking. I was born in 1905. It was a time for pioneers in The American Way of Life. We have come along, and somehow, I have never been ashamed of my generation. But a dynamic younger generation is coming along, and they will go on to grander works, because the young dream dreams, and opportunity ever beckons at the door!

On December 21, Trooper William Winston Willoerger, Jr., Virginia State Police, who has just completed a 16-week course in basic training, in police work in Richmond, will report for duty in the Appomattox area.At the time of appointment, his residence was at Mt. Crawford, Va. He is single. He graduated from the Montevideo High School, Penn Laird, Va., in 1951. He served in the U. S. Air Corps, Sept, 3 1953, until Sept. 2, 1957, and was honorably discharged as Staff Sergeant. His interests are baseball, golf and airplanes! A welcome to you, sir, at Appomattox Division headquarters.

How can we let a Christmas season pass by, without thanking our faithful correspondents, who send us each week the "happenings" in their area! Thank you, and may you know, somehow, what it means to people all over our great nation who read the Appomattox paper, to read the news from their old home communities.

And now, out of the hat, Mother Brightleaf has found a special Christmas message, to be placed at the bottom of this column. Read the greeting messages in this issue — and I am sure they are all as sincere as ours, and we pray you will have the best Christmas ever!

Space does not permit us to thank our readers and friends for all their cards and letters of greeting at this season. We hesitate to mention any, for fear of not knowing that all kind messages were appreciated. However, we must mention a nice letter of greeting from Mrs. P. B. Stratton. This fine Appomattox lady mails us her greetings from Redwood City, California. She wrote of the beauty and charm of California — and of her interest in receiving the Appomattox paper!

Also comes a greeting from John Sears Booth and family (all eight of them)—now in Binghamton, N. Y. And from Virginia Twyman Greenleaf, also in New York State. And so many others. Wish all of you could be here for Christmas-

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We cannot "wrap up" this issue without thinking our advertisers and correspondents for having gotten in their copy early this week. Some of it began coming in Friday and Saturday, and as a result, we were able to get an early start. Our goal was to have the rural routes and mailed copies arrive in your homes Christmas Eve, so you could read the greeting messages and news items by Christmas. It looks now (noon Wednesday) that we'll make it! It is a tremendous job to prepare and assemble the many Christmas messages an issue such as this carries, and so we add a word of appreciation to our staff for the many hours of extra work done.

We understand that many local business places will take a double holiday: both Friday and Saturday. And, of course, New Year's Day is coming up. Our own plans are to take haifa day Friday only as we have a pile-up of work that must go out before year's end.

Nearly 100 children were in town Saturday afternoon to receive gifts from the Lions Club sponsored Santa Claus. Plenty of gifts were prepared, and Old Santa had bags of candy left over. He had received a letter from a small girl which asked him to please bring him the toys his mother and father had hid away!

Christmas, 1959, may go down in history as the year of "Alvin's Harmonica." David Seville and the Chipmunks really scored a recording hit for the season with The Chipmunk Song (Christmas Don't Be Late) and Alvin With His Harmonica. I played the two records for a solid half hour the other night.

From an exchange: "A small town is where everybody knows what everybody else is doing and they all buy the weekly paper to see how much the editor dares to print."

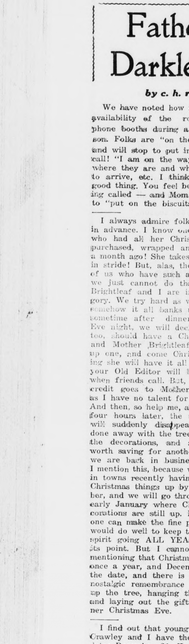
Each year we add many new subscribers as the result of Christmas gift subscriptions. To all the new ones this year, we say: Welcome to The Times-Virginian Family, and may you enjoy the thoughtfulness of the one who caused your name to be added to our mailing list.

Was delighted to see our friend, Mrs. Winnie Akers, of Washington, in town this week. She is visiting her relatives and many friends in this area.

Stayed up Tuesday night to watch the TV show the arrival of President Eisenhower in Washington, after his world tour. It was so cold at the airport that, just watching the crowd, I got up and fetched another blanket.

The Town Council and Mayor did a fine thing on Monday night when they gave a free banquet to members of the volunteer fire company. The event was held in the cafeteria of Appomattox Garment Co. From all reports, this fine group had a wonderful meal and fine fellowship. Citizens of the area had made up a purse, which was distributed among the splendid fellows who give of their time and effort for this essential civic duty.

Thanks to our friend, Mr. Howard Williams, of Pamplin, for sending me an original Civil War letter to add to my historical library. And to my friend, Tom Coleman, for loaning me an interesting new book entitled: This Is The South.



The Geometry Classes sponsored a most unique contest in the high school: A Christmas Tree Decoration Contest.

This contest was opened to everyone in the high school. Each student entering paid a be entrance fee and the money was used for the prizes. Each student entering was required to make the decoration entered and accompany it with a written statement discussing the geometric figure it was supposed to be.

These decorations were judged on the following points:

(1) Correct geometric construction based on statements.
(2) Originality
(3) Beauty
(4) Neatness.

They were hung on the tree in the cafeteria and remained there for all to enjoy until Friday, December 18.

The first and second place winners were as follows:

Two dimensions:
1st: Sumnne Gills
2nd: Catherine Richardson.

Three dimensions:
1st: Laurence Hamlette
2nd: Penny Abblitt.

"Most outstanding," based on relative difficulty of construction, Michael Srougi.

LICENSE FEES

A "package" of recommendations to be submitted to the General Assembly, asking somewhat higher fees for both county and state hunting and fishing licenses, was agreed upon as the answer to its financial difficulties by the Game Commission.

Adoption of the proposal would mean that both the one - dollar county combination hunting and fishing license and the free county deer-bear-turkey license would be eliminated, that separate county fishing and county hunting licenses would be sold for two dollars each, that the state fishing license would cost the same as the state hunting license ($3.50), and that a 25-cent issuance fee would be added to the price of all licenses.

The commission hopes to boost its annual income, derived solely from license sales, by some $500,000, to cover the increase in its costs of operation since the last general license fee increase in 1948.

The commission also voted to buy a two-acre public access site on the James River, near the Route 690 bridge in Cumberland County, from Mrs. O .W. Ball, of Columbia, and approved an increase in the subscription rate for the Virginia Wildlife Magazine, set a creel limit of eight and a minimum size limit of 12 inches on striped bass in the Roanoke River watershed and Kerr Reservoir, and combined a number of fishing regulations and rescinded a number of others to eliminate duplication and unnecessary regulations, the objectives of which were covered by other regulations of broader application.

The Times-Virginian will issue on regular schedule next week. Get in the news!

Bowl football games scheduled on New Year's Day.

Appomattox is a growing town!

Subscription rate: $2.00 a year; payable n advance.

Play safe — drive carefully.

Dial 2811 with Personals.

Democrats fear new split over liberals' role.

President reports to nation on his recent world tour.

Colored Dots

A large crowd attended the regular preaching services at Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor delivered a special sermon from the subject: The Nature of Jesus. The church choir rendered special Christmas music. At the close of the service a special Christmas purse was presented the pastor from the church by deacon George Beasley. A special offering was taken for young James Gafford, a polio victim.

The Sunday School of the Galilee Baptist Church held its annual Christmas program Sunday night at 7:30. The program was by Miss H. B. Stevens. Mrs. Tibbs served as audioniony. Music was furnished by the junior choir, with Mrs. Jones at the piano. The pastor of the church gave remarks.

An appreciative crowd attended the special service given by the Usher Board of the New Baptist Church last Sunday night at 7 o'clock. The Rev. McCown, a student of Virginia Seminary was the guest speaker. The church choir rendered music. The offering was taken by Mrs. Watts. Remarks were made by Rev. R. Q. Lawson, pastor of the church.

The public is cordially invited to attend the regular prayer services at the Presbyterian Church this Sunday night.

The following young people returned home from college for Christmas recess: Sandra Williams, Raymond G. Lee, Willie Fores.

Mr. Hubert Watkins, a worker in upper state New York spent the week-end here with his sister, Mrs. M. L. Newbill and family.

Sixty-eight mason wives and special guests attended annual banquet of the Long Island Chapter, A.F. and A. M. (P. H. Masons) at the Carver-Hill School last Saturday night. The Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Dr. H. Ed. Hairston, of Petersburg, Va., was the guest speaker and introduced by the W. M. Secretary, J. Wilson Jeffries, honored past Masters Elmer and Alfred Fielding.

Noel, noel . . . the most joyous of seasons! It is our sincere hope that it brings to you and yours all the best that life can offer . . . peace of mind and lasting love and friendship.

Lee Theatre Barber Shop
FRANK CHANDLER
APPOMATTOX, VA.

Great Lessons from the Good Book
IN "THE Bible SPEAKS"
... this paper has it!

Many thanks for your loyal friendship and patronage. If good wishes were snowflakes, we'd snow you under a blizzard of them! Have a wonderful holiday season.

Father Darkleaf and Mother Brightleaf

For COLDS take 666

EYECARE
Nothing You Buy Gives You So Much, Yet Cost You So Little.
FOR COMPLETE EYE CARE
Consult Your Eye Physician
Then See
Your Guild Optician
GUILD OPTICIANS
A. G. Jefferson
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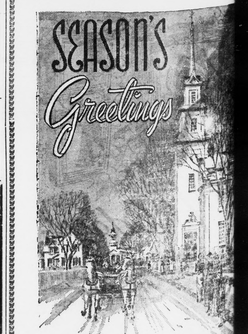

White Coach Diner
Mr. & Mrs. Jessie Guill
APPOMATTOX, VIRGINIA

PERSONALS

...C. Potts, of Orange, ...the holiday week-end ...Mrs. Lottie Bledsoe.

...Mrs. Calvin Robinson ...day in Culpeper with ...Mrs. B. F. Robinson.

...Alvis, of Richmond, ...spending the holidays ...ther-in-law and sister, ...Mrs. DeWitt Evans.

...Mrs. Harry G. Lawson, ...Danville arrived Wednes... ...their respective parents ...holidays.

...Hall has returned from ...and is now employed ...Eden Funeral Home in ...

...Catherine is spending ...days in Norfolk with her ...aunt daughter, Mr. and ...Harris.

...Sears left on Sunday ...Dr. Scott Sears, who ...a visit him and his ...family in their home in ...D. C. for the holiday season.

...Mrs. J. D. Covington left ...week-end with his par... ...Mrs. A. W. Coving...

...B. Harvey left yester... ...mond, where she will ...holidays in the home of ...and Mrs. T. J. Har...

...Morris Compton, of ...was called to Appomat... ...due to the death of ...her, Mrs. J. D. Mor...

...Mrs. Carl Evans, and ...ley, of Union, N. J., ...ans of Washington D. ...d Christmas with Mr. ...J. Evans.

...Mrs. W. W. Ford Jr., and ...bers and Donnie, of ...are visiting tonight to ...holidays with Mrs. Ford's ...Clara Mitchell.

...y P. Davis and Mrs. ...ning are spending the ...Norfolk with Mr. ...son-in-law and daugh... ...Mrs. C. F. Stewart.

...Smith, who has been ...the Virginia Baptist ...urned home Wednes... ...ition is reported to ...

...Mrs. C .D. Thomas and ...of Newport News, are ...holidays with Mrs. ...ents, Mr. and Mrs. S. ...They will also visit Mr. ...ents in Roanoke.

...Mrs. Edwin S. Barron ...Emrle and Steve, of ...will arrive tonight to ...holidays with Mrs. Bar... ...Mr. and Mrs. G. L.

...Mrs. S. J. Evans and ...ter, Dana Kae Almond ...week-end in Newport ...their son-in-law and ...Mr. and Mrs. C. D.

...Mrs. Lewis Garrett, of ...a., and Mr. and Mrs. ...ett motored to Cincin... ...to attend the graduation exercises of the Cincinnati College, where Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Garrett's son, John, graduated Friday.

Trooper Urving McGarrell, who completed his training at the State Police School in Richmond last week, has been assigned to Appomattox. Trooper McGarrell plans to move his family here the first of the year from Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry M. Burton, of Hillsville, spent Tuesday night here while en route to Norfolk to visit relatives. Mr. Burton is a former Resident Highway Engineer, and lived here with his family several years ago. Mr. Burton has since retired.

Mrs. L. L. Gayle left Saturday to spend the holidays in Richmond with her sisters, Mrs. M. L. Newbill and Miss Lynolee Atwood. Dr. Gayle will join her there for the week-end and will visit relatives in Fredericksburg before returning home.

Lt. Com .L. D. Flick, stationed at NAAS Chase Field, Beeville, Texas, is visiting in Appomattox with his wife, the former Mary Alice Webb, daughter of Van B. Webb, of Route 2, and daughter, Donna Lee. They will also visit in New England during his leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Smith and daughter, Caroline Ann, of Syracuse, New York, arrived Tuesday to spend the holidays with Mr. Smith's mother, Mrs. L. E. Smith. Mrs. Gobel Reynolds, of Dry Ridge, Ky., arrived last week to be here with her mother, Mrs. Smith, for an extended visit.

DEATHS

MRS. J. DILLARD MORRIS

Mrs. Helen Gregory Morris, 76, widow of Appomattox merchant, J. Dillard Morris, died unexpectedly at 5:10 P .M. here Saturday.

Born July 29, 1883, she was the daughter of Nathaniel H. and Pattie Ellett Gregory. She was a member of Liberty Baptist Church, and was cited recently as one of the church's oldest members. She was Registrar for the past 30 years of the Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. T. Hunter Dickerson, of Appomattox; one brother, Leonard N. Gregory, of Portsmouth, Ohio; and one granddaughter Mrs. Shirley Morris Compton, of Alexandria.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 P. M. Monday from Liberty Baptist Church, by the Rev. James T. Cravens, assisted by the Rev. Richard Bengdoll. Music was by the church choir. Burial was in Liberty Cemetery. Pallbearers were William Moore, T. M. Trent, J. H. Gordon, Jr., Willie B. Morris, Irving Bingham, Nat Ferguson, Bernard Ferguson and Robert Gilbert.

Richwood

Richwood, Dec. 22.- "Glory to God in the highest and on earth Peace, good will toward men." -St. Luke 2:14.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and daughters, Judy and Jane and Miss Val Brannan were the dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Paulette and daughter, Linda were in Lynchburg on business Monday.

Mr. Tom Marsh is spending some time in Lynchburg with relatives.

Mr. Randolph Marsh, of Norfolk spent a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh last week.

Mr. Horace Martin is spending some time with his family here.

G. P. Brannan and daughter, Val were in Lynchburg Tuesday morning on business.

Miss Georgie Belle Brannan is on the sick list at this writing.

We hope for all the readers of the Richwood news, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Also for Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Robinson, our Editors.

Vera

Vera, "I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the City of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10.

I do hope that we may all have a nice Christmas, with many homecomings, and spend Christmas as it should be as it's the greatest of all birthdays.

Farmers are getting fine prices for their tobacco. They were blessed with fine crops of tobacco.

Everybody is getting ready for Christmas. Some homes will be happy and some sad. A year brings many changes.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Elizabeth Wigginson Burke, and extend sympathy to her family.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Alvin Hamilton is in the hospital, and we do hope that she may be returned to health.

Miss Harriette Harvey spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carson.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Dillard Morris, and we extend sympathy to her family.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Sunday were Mrs. Richard Carson, and Sylvia, Mr. Jimmie Harvey, Mrs. Mildred Warters and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harvey.

We wish all of our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Dec. 22.- Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Quarles, returned missionaries from South America, were here at the Baptist Church last Wednesday. They gave a very impressive talk, which were enjoyed by all.

Mr. Frank Glover, of Washington spent last week here visiting relatives.

Charles Farrar is home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Farrar and Patay.

Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Lynchburg spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

Danny McFadden, of the U. S. N. is home for a few days with his mother, Mrs. Rachel McFadden, and family.

A sad gloom was cast over our community last Tuesday, when our beloved friend, Ryland Staples passed away at the Virginia Baptist Hospital. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Dorothy Anne Paulette, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Paulette.

Mrs. Christine Childress and daughters spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Marshall and family in N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton and sons, Richard and Donald were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Wooldridge Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth St. John and son visited Mrs. W. B. Thomas Sunday P. M. at Cullen.

Bonnie Fay Paulette was luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keys and Carolyn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wooldridge were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Paulette Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell spent the week-end with relatives in Richmond.

Post Office Set New Record

Patrons of the Appomattox Post Office truly have the Christmas spirit, judging from the greeting cards received and dispatched from this office, according to Richard L. Wingfield, Postmaster.

The mail has been distributed over a longer period of time, which alleviated a real rush in the Post Office.

Total cancellations to date are 103,000, the heaviest mailing day being Monday. Incoming parcel post was heavy during the week-end.

Postal receipts for this month to date are $5,127.86. These figures represent a slight increase over former years.

It is anticipated that the local post office will be in its proposed new building for the 1960 Christmas season. Plans and an architectural drawing have been received, and anyone desiring to see same may do so.

Postmaster Wingfield wishes to take this means of thanking the patrons for their cooperation in mailing early, wrapping securely, and addressing mail plainly. This has been a great help in expediting the service.

TB CHRISTMAS SEALS

You may have heard that tuberculosis gets its stranglehold mostly among the underprivileged. But case records show that TB can strike anyone, anywhere. That's because that everyone with undiscovered TB is a potential source of infection.

The man at the next desk, the woman next in line at the supermarket check-out counter, the teenager whose desk is next to your child at school — these may be harboring the deadly TB bacillus. Any of them may have active TB, unaware that he is spreading the disease.

Christmas Seal funds are used to protect you and yours from this ever-present danger of tuberculosis. Your Christmas Seal money helps to inform people about TB itself and about the need to have tuberculin tests and chest X-rays. Christmas Seals help to get active cases into TB hospitals — and out of them again, cured.

Christmas Seals are behind the search for better drugs, for methods of prevention.

In the nine-county area served by your association, there are a total of 337 known cases of tuberculosis; 52 persons suspected of having it; 993 known contacts; 13 deaths reported from TB; and 71 men, women, and children in sanitoria. The cost of this means broken homes, poverty,, new members for relief roles and untold waste of human resources.

The total of our Seal Sale for the area, as of Monday, December 21, amounts to $10,036.54.

Local banks and state offices to take holiday both Friday and Saturday.

Renew your subscription.

DECORATION WINNERS

The Appomattox Garden Club announces the following winners as selected by a committee of judges in the local Christmas Decoration Contest:

Doorway Class
First Place: Home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Hill.
Second Place: Home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Holland.
Third Place: Home of Dr. and Mrs. S. R. Lawson.

Overall Picture Class
First Place: Home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Harwood Jr.
Second Place: Home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen Sears.
Third Place: Home of Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Evans.

Outdoor Manger Scenes were judged in a separate class and the winners were:

First Place: Herbert Pulliam, Jr.
Second Place: Greg Holland and Susan Burke.

The Garden Club sponsored this contest in cooperation with the Virginia Electric & Power Co., and wishes to thank all of you for the cooperation received, in giving the town a more festive air for Christmas.

Each home appeared as a greeting card bringing joy to the passer-by.

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

The Garden Club Tour of Homes is to be held on Monday night, December 28, beginning at 730 P. M.

The following homes will be open and visited in the order listed:

Mr. and Mrs. Morton L. Ferguson
Dr. and Mrs. S. R. Lawson
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen Sears
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Webb
Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Hill
Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr.
Mrs. J. E. Sears

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the tour in the Sears home.

IN MEMORIAM

GALLIER: In loving memory of my darling son, Benny Gallier, who passed away eight years ago today, Dec. 23, 1951.

The moon and stars are shining on
a lonely silent grave.
There lies the one I dearly love
And wish I could have saved.
I often sit and think of you,
And speak of how you died.
To think I could not say goodbye
before you closed your eyes.
It is lonesome here without you,
And sad, weary the way,
Life has not been the same since
you were called away.

To your grave we often wander
And picture your face so dear,
In silence we stand in sorrow
To the one we loved so dear.
No morning dawns, no night returns but what we think of
you always,
In our thoughts no matter where
we go, always in our hearts
because we loved you so.

God gave us strength to bear it,
but what it was to lose you
No one will ever know.
God knew you were suffering,
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyes,
And said peace be thine.

—Sadly missed by: Father and Mother, Sister and Brother, and Grandmothers.

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NOTICE
We will be open
Saturday, December 26
West End Market
Route 460 Appomattox, Va.

Lee Theatre
FRIDAY & SATURDAY DEC. 25 & 26
Jerry Lewis In
"Don't Give Up The Ship"
FRI., & SAT., - JAN. 1-2
"Tarzan's Greatest Adventure"

SPECIAL
Price For the Holiday Season
.25 Per Line
Open 6 P. M.
Jamerson's Bowling Alley
Ray Wilhoit prop.

NOTICE
We will be Closed Friday and
Saturday, December 25th and 26th
Grinels Motor Co.

The Bank Of Appomattox
and the
Farmers National Bank
will be closed Fri. & Sat. December 25th and 26th for Christmas